

North American Bird Phenology Program

Understanding Global climate change and how it is affecting bird populations across North America.

What is the Bird Phenology Program (BPP)?

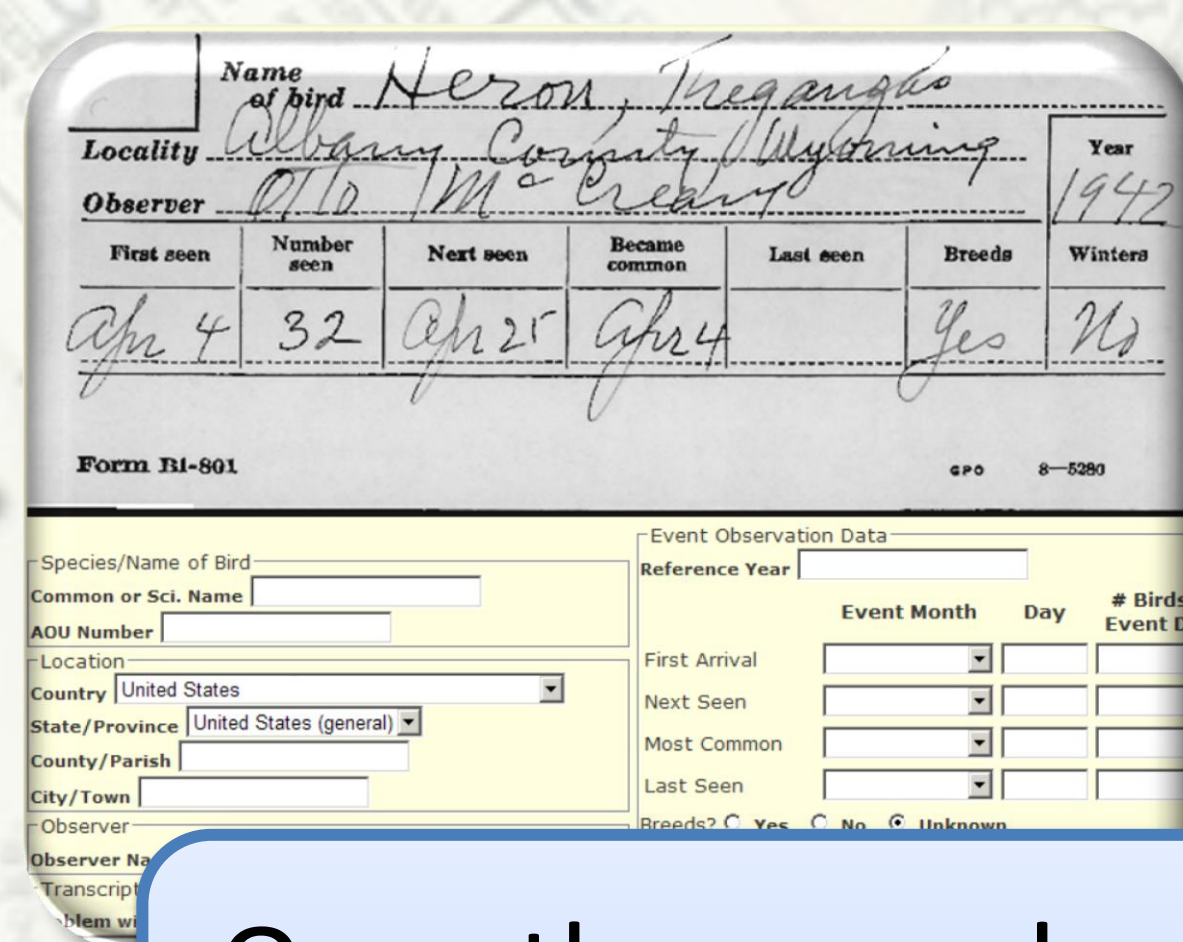
The BPP houses a unique collection of several million bird migration records that illuminate migration patterns and population status of birds in North America.

These handwritten cards collected from 1880 to 1970 contain almost all of what was known of bird distribution and natural history from the Second World War back to the later part of the 19th century.

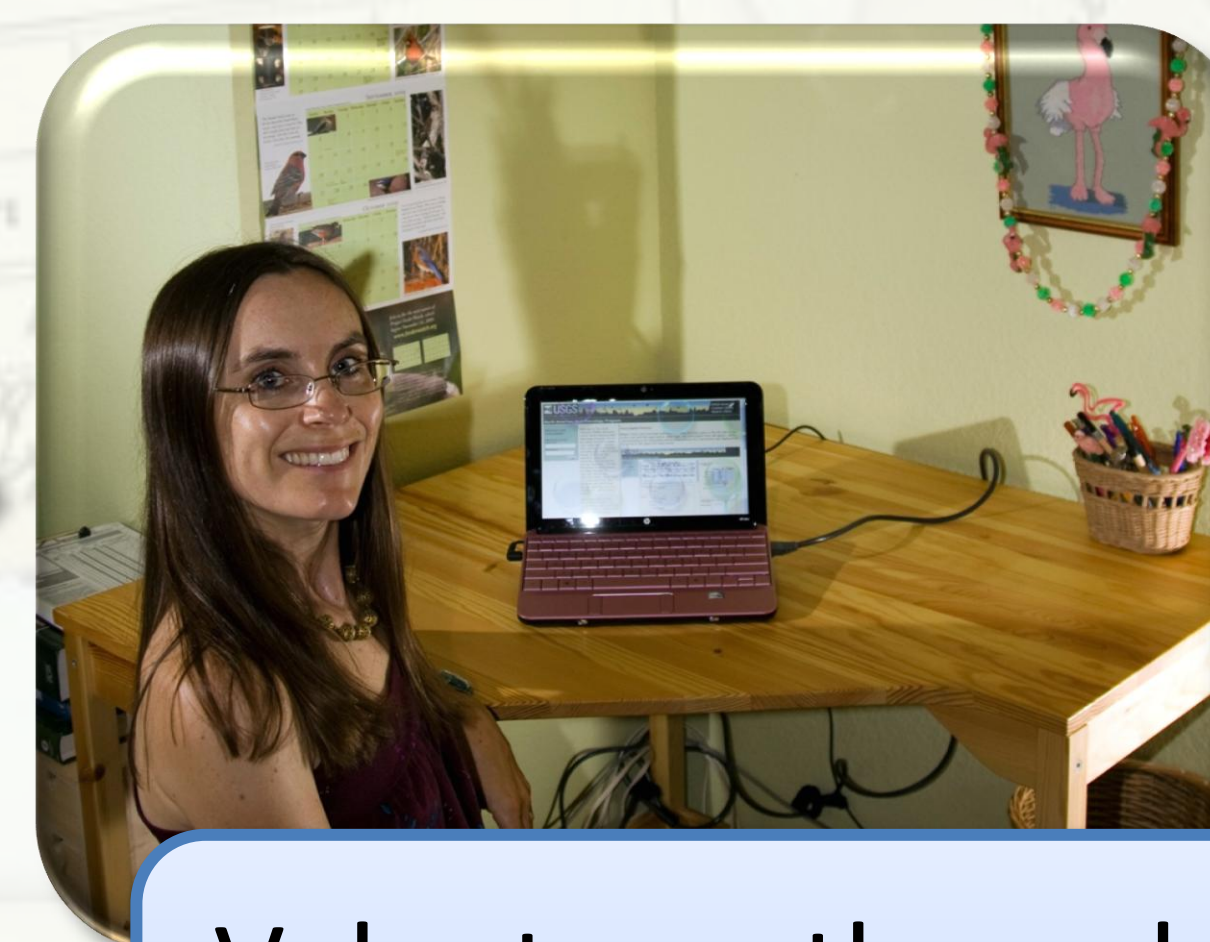
Today, those records are being processed and placed into a modern database for analysis. This information will be used, along with recently collected arrival times of migrant birds, in conjunction with historical weather data to show how migration is effected by climate change.



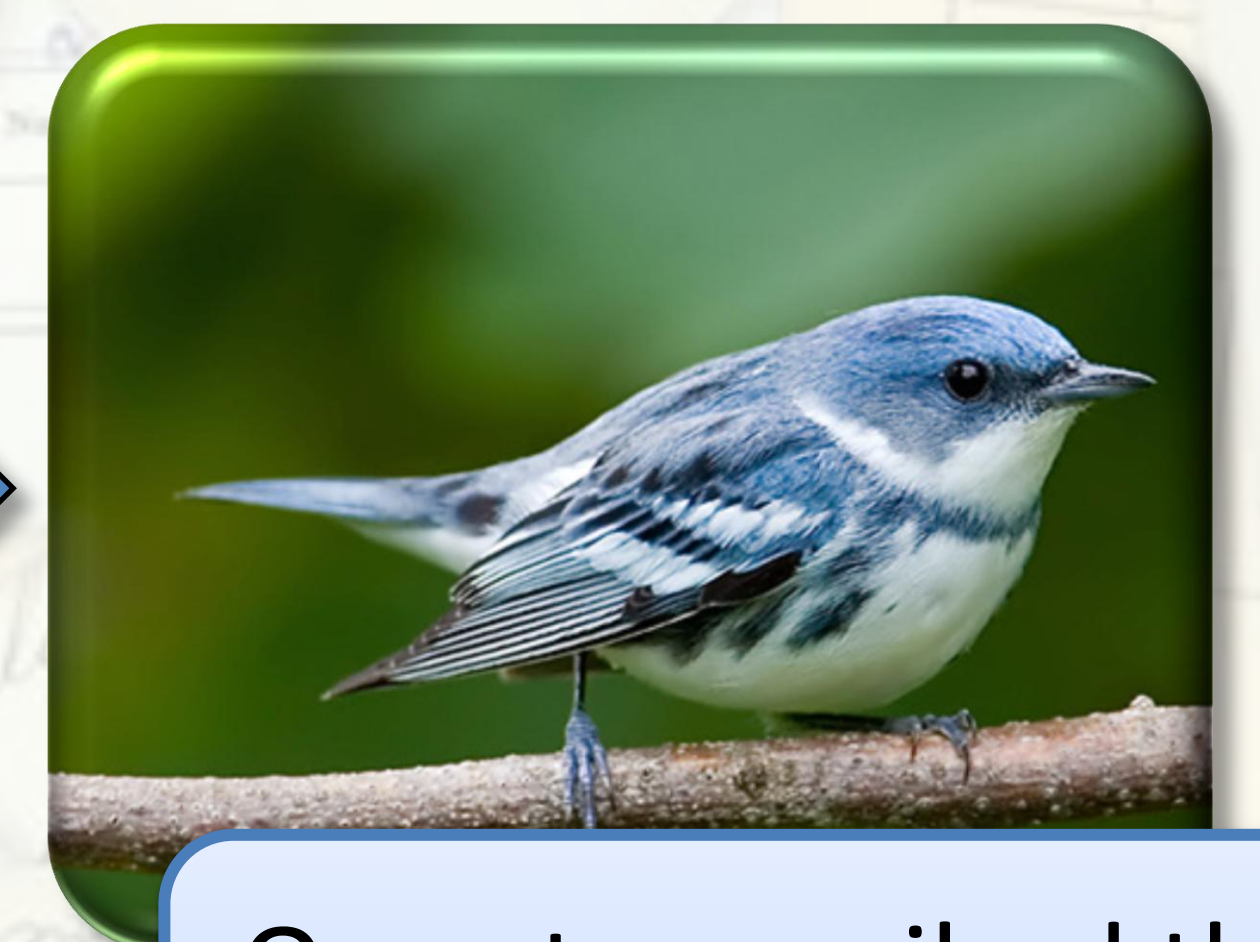
Volunteers help in the BPP office by sorting the migration records.



Once the records are scanned the digital image is put on the BPP website.



Volunteers throughout the world transcribe the records on the BPP website.



Once transcribed the information will go into a publicly accessible database.